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Stop these annoying despotic ways at once. The purpose of the courts should not be to protect us from our out-of-control leaders (though thank God they are there to do so!). Stop requesting and trying to enact unconstitutional nonsense. Protect our freedoms instead of destroying them. THAT is your DUTY.

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